Cases pending in Labour Courts

2995. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) how many cases till date are pending with various Labour Courts in the country for the last 3 years (year-wise);

(b) whether terms and conditions of appointment of Presiding Officers for such courts have been approved by the competent authorities; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether two Central Government Industrial Tribunals (CGITs) sanctioned long back on 15-9-1998 have started functioning, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are Government's latest plan to cope with above mentioned outstanding labour cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No. of cases pending with the various Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts for the last three years :

As on 31-12-97	*As on 31-12-98*	*As on 31-12-99*
6793	7302	8468

(b) Yes, Sir. A copy of the terms and conditions of appointment of Presiding Officers in Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 76].

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Keeping in view the norms prescribed in the disposal of industrial disputes and their pendency, it is proposed to open more Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts during the Ninth 5 Year Plan depending upon concentration of industries and Industrial Disputes in a region. Since the CGITs are quasi-judicial bodies, the Ministry does not normally interfere with their functioning. However, it has, from time to time, impressed upon the Presiding Officers the need to reduce the pendency in the disposal of cases. It has also made a specific provision in the Industrial Disputes Act by an amendment in 1982 so as to provide that the cases relating to individual workmen should be disposed of within a period not exceeding 3 months.